



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2410

Introduced 2/17/2005, by Rep. John E. Bradley

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-1.8	from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8
10 ILCS 5/9-1.9	from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.9
10 ILCS 5/9-7.10 new	

Amends the Election Code. Requires the State Board of Elections to develop and administer a program of public campaign financing for candidates for nomination or election to the office of Illinois Supreme Court judge. Prohibits candidates from accepting contributions and making expenditures except as provided by this program. Requires candidates to receive 250 separate seed money contributions of \$5 each to qualify for public funds. Limits the amount of public funds per candidate to \$25,000 for a primary and \$50,000 for an election. Limits expenditures to the amount of public financing received plus seed money contributions.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 9-1.8 and 9-1.9 and by adding Section 9-7.10 as  
6 follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.8) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.8)

8 Sec. 9-1.8. "State political committee" means the  
9 candidate himself or any individual, trust, partnership,  
10 committee, association, corporation, or any other organization  
11 or group of persons which--

12 (a) accepts contributions or grants or makes expenditures  
13 during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding  
14 \$3,000 (or the amount specified in Section 9-7.10 when that  
15 Section applies) on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate  
16 or candidates for public office who are required by the  
17 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of economic  
18 interests with the Secretary of State,

19 (b) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any  
20 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 in  
21 support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to  
22 be submitted to the electors of an area encompassing more than  
23 one county,

24 (c) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any  
25 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 and has  
26 as its primary purpose the furtherance of governmental,  
27 political or social values, is organized on a not-for-profit  
28 basis, and which publicly endorses or publicly opposes a  
29 candidate or candidates for public office who are required by  
30 the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements of  
31 economic interest with the Secretary of State, or

32 (d) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any

1 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 for  
2 electioneering communications relating to any candidate or  
3 candidates described in paragraph (a) or any question of public  
4 policy described in paragraph (b).

5 (Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

6 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.9) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.9)

7 Sec. 9-1.9. "Political committee" includes State central  
8 and county central committees of any political party, and also  
9 includes local political committees and state political  
10 committees, but does not include any candidate who does not  
11 accept contributions or make expenditures during any 12-month  
12 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 (or the amount  
13 specified in Section 9-7.10 when that Section applies), nor  
14 does it include, with the exception of State central and county  
15 central committees of any political party, any individual,  
16 trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or  
17 any other organization or group of persons which does not (i)  
18 accept contributions or make expenditures during any 12-month  
19 period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000 on behalf of or  
20 in opposition to a candidate or candidates or to any question  
21 of public policy or (ii) accept contributions or make  
22 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount  
23 exceeding \$3,000 for electioneering communications relating to  
24 any candidate or candidates described in paragraph (a) of  
25 Section 9-1.7 or 9-1.8 or any question of public policy  
26 described in paragraph (b) of Section 9-1.7 or 9-1.8, and such  
27 candidates and persons shall not be required to comply with any  
28 filing provisions in this Article.

29 (Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

30 (10 ILCS 5/9-7.10 new)

31 Sec. 9-7.10. Public financing of Supreme Court judicial  
32 candidates.

33 (a) This Section applies to candidates for nomination or  
34 election to the office of Illinois Supreme Court judge. It does

1 not apply to Illinois Supreme Court judges seeking retention in  
2 office.

3 (b) From funds appropriated for this purpose, the State  
4 Board shall develop and administer a program of public  
5 financing of campaigns of candidates for nomination or election  
6 to the office of Illinois Supreme Court judge in accordance  
7 with the requirements and restrictions of this Section. The  
8 State Board shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation  
9 of this Section.

10 (c) A candidate for Supreme Court judge and the political  
11 committee organized for his or her candidacy may not accept  
12 contributions or make expenditures except as provided in this  
13 Section. A person seeking to qualify as a candidate for Supreme  
14 Court judge must receive 250 contributions of \$5 each from 250  
15 different contributors. These contributions shall be referred  
16 to collectively as "seed money". The name and address of each  
17 contributor must be reported to the State Board. When the State  
18 Board determines that a person has met this seed money  
19 contribution requirement and has met all other judicial  
20 candidacy requirements, the person is eligible to receive  
21 public financing of his or her campaign as provided in this  
22 Section.

23 (d) A candidate qualified to receive public campaign  
24 financing for the general primary election may receive up to  
25 \$25,000 from the State Board. A candidate qualified to receive  
26 public campaign financing for the general election may receive  
27 up to \$50,000 from the State Board. A successful candidate who  
28 received public campaign financing for the general primary  
29 election may not accept seed money contributions for his or her  
30 candidacy at the subsequent general election and shall  
31 automatically qualify for public campaign financing for his or  
32 her candidacy at that general election.

33 (e) A candidate qualified to receive public campaign  
34 financing for the general primary election may not make  
35 expenditures in excess of the amount of public financing that  
36 candidate has received plus his or her seed money

1 contributions. A candidate qualified to receive public  
2 campaign financing for the general election may not make  
3 expenditures in excess of the amount of public campaign  
4 financing that candidate has received plus his or her seed  
5 money contributions, if any.